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A BILL FOR

1 An Act establishing an education remediation council in the
2 department of education.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 256.27 Education remediation
2 council.

3 1. An education remediation council is established within
4 the department. The council shall consist of eight members
5 appointed as follows:

6 a. One member representing the community colleges appointed
7 by the president of the Iowa association of community college
8 presidents.

9 b. One member representing the accredited private
10 institutions appointed by the president of the Iowa association
11 of independent colleges and universities.

12 c. One member representing the institutions of higher
13 education governed by the state board of regents appointed by
14 the president of the state board of regents.

15 d. One member representing the practitioner preparation
16 programs at institutions of higher education governed by the
17 state board of regents appointed by the president of the state
18 board of regents.

19 e. One member representing school districts appointed by the
20 president of the Iowa association of school boards.

21 f. One member representing accredited nonpublic schools
22 appointed by the director.

23 g. One member representing the department appointed by the
24 director.

25 h. One member representing the area education agencies
26 appointed by the area education agency administrators.

27 2. Council members shall serve three-year terms beginning
28 and ending as provided in section 69.19, and appointments shall
29 comply with sections 69.16, 69.16A, and 69.16C. Vacancies on
30 the council shall be filled in the same manner as the original
31 appointment. A person appointed to fill a vacancy shall serve
32 only for the unexpired portion of the term.

33 3. The member representing the department shall convene the
34 initial meeting. The council shall elect one of its members as
35 chairperson. The council shall meet at least quarterly, and at

1 any time on the call of the chairperson.

2 4. The department shall provide staffing services for the
3 council.

4 5. a. Prior to the initial meeting of the council, the
5 member representing the community colleges shall convene
6 a meeting of members appointed pursuant to subsection 1,
7 paragraphs "a" through "d" to define "remediation" for purposes
8 of the council and outline the skills and expectations for
9 postsecondary level attendance. The definitions and outline
10 shall be distributed and discussed at the initial council
11 meeting.

12 b. The council shall identify measures to help students
13 transition from the secondary to the postsecondary level,
14 limit the cost of remediation, define and standardize the
15 skill sets that determine the need for remediation, and create
16 effective partnerships between secondary schools and higher
17 education institutions. For the fiscal year beginning July
18 1, 2013, the council shall focus on but not be limited to
19 mathematics and English remediation measures. The council
20 shall review activities and services designed to align school
21 district curricula with core postsecondary level requirements
22 and decrease the need for remedial coursework at the secondary
23 school grade level through grade sixteen. The council shall
24 develop strategies to strengthen grade nine through grade
25 sixteen standards, competencies, assessment systems, and the
26 professional development of teachers.

27 6. The council shall submit its findings and
28 recommendations in a report to the state board of education
29 and the general assembly by November 15 annually. The state
30 board and department shall use the findings and recommendations
31 to strengthen the common core curriculum and core content
32 standards.

33 EXPLANATION

34 This bill establishes an education remediation council
35 within the department of education to identify measures to help

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3 the skill sets that determine the need for remediation, and
4 create effective partnerships between secondary schools and
5 higher education institutions. For the fiscal year beginning
6 July 1, 2013, the council shall focus on but not be limited
7 to mathematics and English remediation measures. The council
8 must review activities and services designed to align school
9 district curricula with core postsecondary level requirements
10 and decrease the need for remedial coursework at the secondary
11 school grade level through grade 16. The council shall develop
12 strategies to strengthen grade 9-16 standards, competencies,
13 assessment systems, and the professional development of
14 teachers.

15 The council consists of eight members appointed to
16 represent community colleges, accredited private postsecondary
17 institutions, regents universities, practitioner preparation
18 programs at the regents universities, school districts,
19 accredited nonpublic schools, the department, and area
20 education agencies.

21 The member representing the department shall convene
22 the initial meeting, at which the council shall elect one
23 of its members as chairperson. The council shall meet
24 at least quarterly, and at any time on the call of the
25 chairperson. Prior to the initial meeting, the member
26 representing the community colleges shall convene a meeting
27 of members representing the community colleges, accredited
28 private postsecondary institutions, regents universities, and
29 practitioner preparation programs at the regents universities
30 to define "remediation" for purposes of the council and outline
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